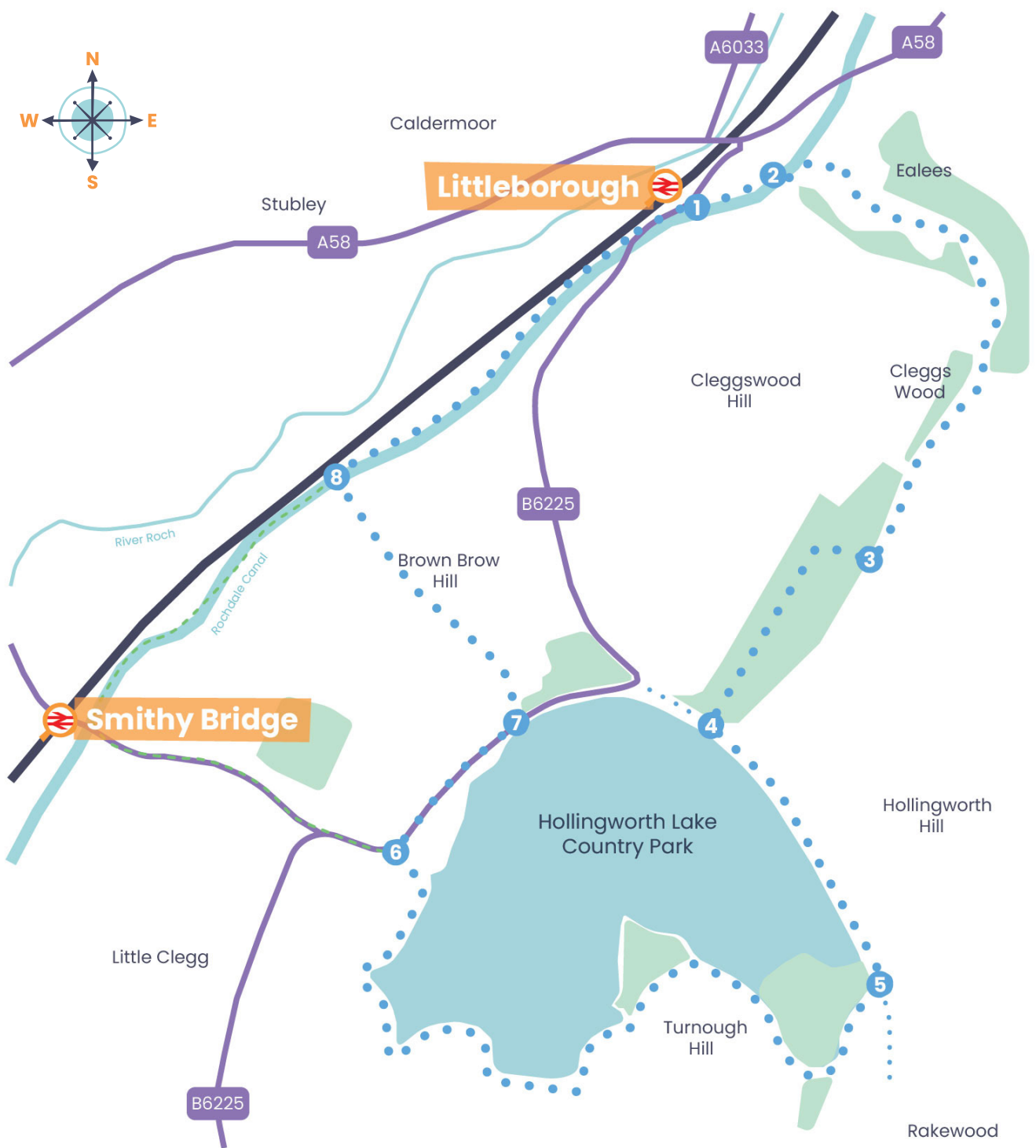
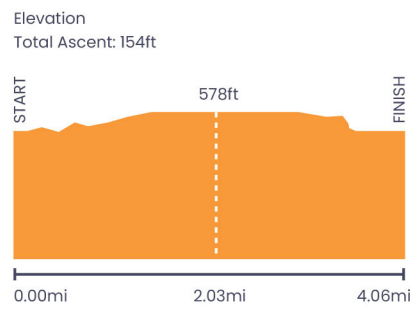


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KEY

	RAILWAY STATION		MAIN WALKING ROUTE
	TRAINLINE		PATH CONTINUES
	ROAD		OPTIONAL WALKING ROUTE
	WATER		

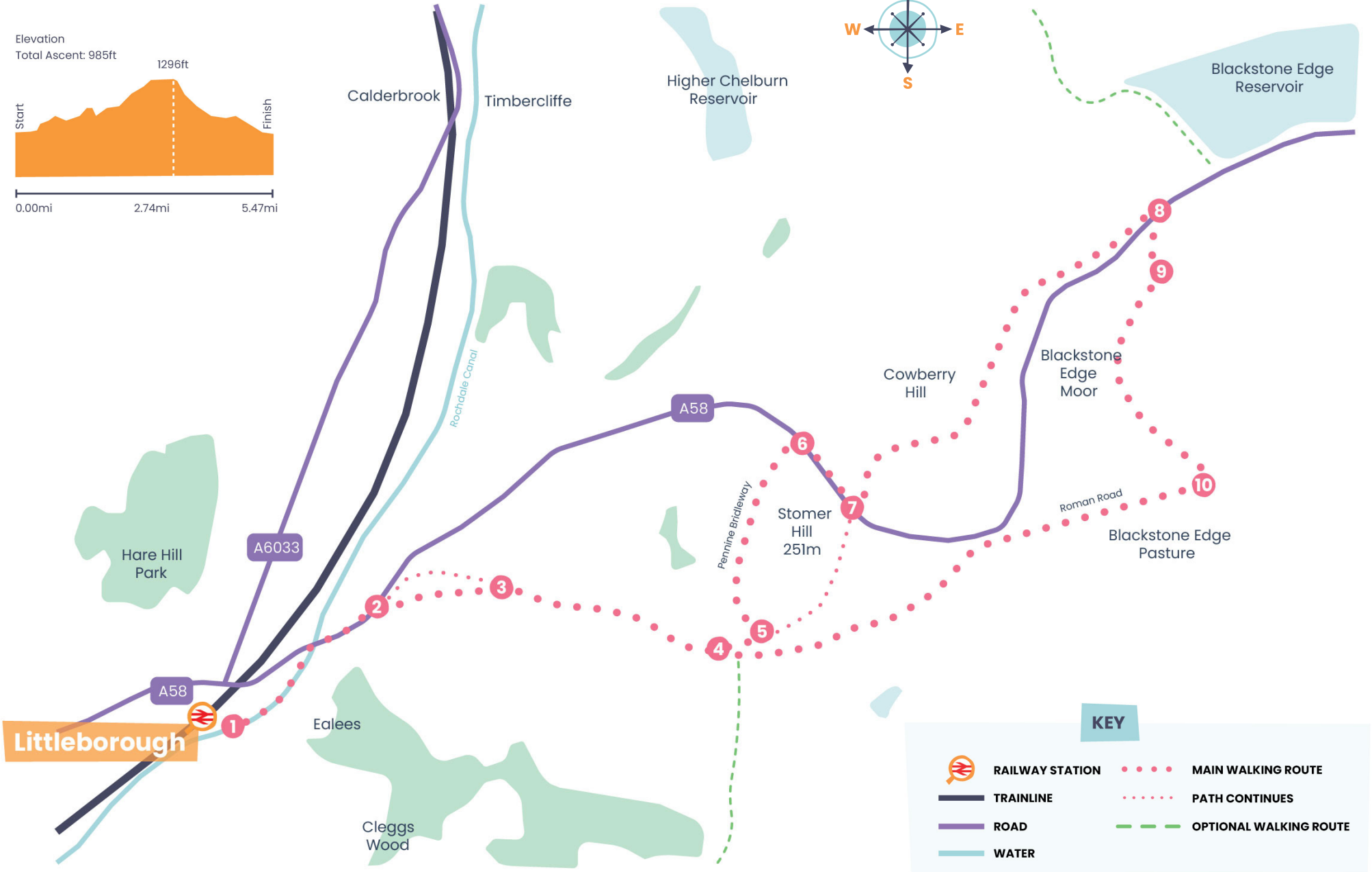
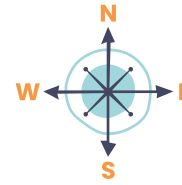
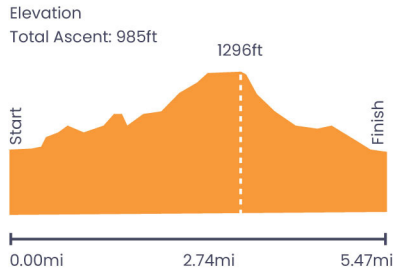


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A moderate walk that mixes the local countryside and the amenities of Hollingworth Lake. The route card directions guide you from and back to Littleborough Station, however the route can be adapted to also use Smithy Bridge Station as a start or finish point.

- 1 Exit Littleborough Station on the south side and locate the Rochdale Canal towpath. Follow towpath to lock gates.
- 2 Turn right over the lock bridge and follow the path on the opposite side of the canal, the path turns right and comes to a crossroads of path/tracks. Take the footpath so the large building is on your right. Follow the footpath network and keep right for approx. ½ mile through woodland.
- 3 At the T-junction of footpaths turn right and follow the footpath to Rakewood Road arriving at Hollingworth Lake.
- 4 Turn left onto Rakewood Road and follow for ½ mile.
- 5 Turn right off Rakewood Road and follow the path clockwise around Hollingworth Lake.
- 6 Arrive at the focal point of Hollingworth Lake with the opportunity to refuel at the cafes and pubs. Follow Lake Bank until the buildings on your left end.
- 7 Turn left onto track and continue on footpath through a small hamlet and into open fields. Continue to the bridge over the Rochdale Canal.
- 8 Follow the towpath northeast back to Littleborough Station.

Littleborough to Blackstone



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Explore from the low lands of Littleborough to the high ground of Blackstone Edge Moor. This challenging walk climbs out of the valley to nature and stunning views.

- 1 Exit Littleborough Station on the south side of the station and locate the canal towpath. Head northeast and exit the canal towpath onto the A58 at the second canal lock you see. Head northeast on the A58 for a short distance.
- 2 From here there are two routes that will lead to Point 3. Turn right onto Blackstone Edge Old Road and look for the footpath that runs south of the houses, this will rejoin back to the road. Or simply follow Blackstone Edge Old Road.
- 3 Merge/continue east onto Blackstone Edge Old Road.
- 4 Keep left on Blackstone Edge Old Road and look out for Pennine Bridleway signage.
- 5 Turn left onto the Pennine Bridleway (PBW) and follow until you reach the A58.
- 6 Turn right onto the A58 and follow for a short distance ignoring PBW signs at this point.
- 7 Turn left onto local bridleway and keep left as the path climbs. Note a good reference point will be the A58 to your right.
- 8 Cross the A58 below the White House and take the footpath south towards Blackstone Edge.
- 9 At the fork keep right and follow the path to the contours of the hill until you reach a Roman Road.
- 10 Turn right and follow the Roman Road downhill, cross the track and follow the footpath in the same direction until you reach a small hamlet. Turn left onto Blackstone Edge Old Road and follow route guide back to Littleborough Station from Point 4.